GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON LIFTING OF SAND FROM RIVERS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued instructions to the State Governments to impose a ban on lifting of sand from the rivers;

(b) if so, whether the activities of lifting of sand illegally in Ghaghra river of Uttar Pradesh and in Yamuna river of Delhi are still going on in connivance with the local administration; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the officials involved?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Permission for mining of river sand is accorded by the concerned State Governments.In case of illegal mining, action is required to be taken by the State Governments. The Central Government is not aware of any illegal mining of sand in Ghaghra river of Uttar Pradesh and in Yamuna river of Delhi.